

Construction of houses free of cost to Labourers.

Q.—113. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any arrangement to construct houses free of cost to the people who have built houses and have been living and paying rent for the past 12 years on the municipal areas in Srirampuram Labour Colony and Dayanandanagara;

(b) whether they will sell the houses to the persons concerned after ascertaining the total amount spent on the building and collecting the same from them and thus help them?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) No.

(b) This is under consideration by the Corporation.

Tungabhadra High Level Canal.

Q.—119. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) their programme in respect of the Tungabhadra High Level Canal;

(b) the reason for not carrying it out till now;

(c) how many Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers and other officers should be on the Tungabhadra Board on the basis of proper representation;

(d) (i) how many are there;

(ii) if it is not according to this basis the reasons therefor?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) The scheme prepared by the Andhra Government is under examination.

(b) The scheme has not yet been finalised.

(c) and (d) (i) According to the proportion fixed by the Board, the figures should be as below when existing staff is fully replaced:—

Class of Officers	No. according to proportion fixed.	No. at present
Executive Engineers	3	2
Assistant Engineers	13	6
Junior Engineers, Supervisors and Section Officers	40	31

(ii) According to paragraph 9(i) of the Notification of the Government of India dated 10th March 1955, reconstituting the Board, the staff which immediately before the commencement of that Notification was engaged in the construction and maintenance of the project shall after such commencement continue to be so employed by the Board. But the Governments of Andhra and Mysore may, if they so think fit, replace any members of the existing staff by new persons in such manner and in such proportion as may be agreed on between the State Governments or as may be determined by the Board.

The proportion has been determined by the Board at 50 : 50 for Andhra and Mysore in respect of irrigation, and 20 : 80 in respect of the Hydro-Electric Scheme. As and when vacancies arise and consistently with the requirements of the work, Mysore staff is being posted so as to make up the prescribed proportion. A programme has been drawn up in this behalf and it is expected that the prescribed proportion will be reached between 1st January 1956 and 1st April 1956.

For some time now, it has not also been possible to spare Assistant Engineers to the Board owing to paucity of officers of that rank. Two more officers of that rank are being posted shortly in existing vacancies.